Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   **Claim 1 (original):**   Video retrieval apparatus
2 comprising:

3   image list synthesis-display means for displaying a
4 list of a plurality of stored encoded pictures in
5 synthesized form on a single screen;

6   picture selection means for selecting an arbitrary
7 image from a listed image group in order to select the
8 encoded picture containing said image; and

9   picture division-synthesis-display means for dividing
10 the selected encoded picture on a time axis and repeatedly
11 synthesizing and displaying each divided picture from the
12 start to the end on a single screen in order to perform
13 simultaneous division and regeneration of the encoded
14 picture.

1   **Claim 2 (currently amended):**   Video retrieval
2 apparatus comprising:

3   image list synthesis-display means for displaying a
4 list of a plurality of stored encoded pictures in
5 synthesized form on a single screen;

6   picture selection means for selecting an arbitrary
7 image from a listed image group in order to select the
8 encoded picture containing said image; and

9   picture   division-synthesis-display   means   for

10   <u>simultaneously</u> selecting several ~~times~~ <u>different time</u>

11   <u>positions</u> from the time axis of the selected encoded

12   picture and <u>repeatedly</u> synthesizing and regenerating

13   respective pictures having said several times as

14   regeneration start times from the start on a single screen

15   in order to perform simultaneous division and regeneration

16   of the encoded picture.

1   **Claim 3 (original):**   Video retrieval apparatus

2   comprising:

3   image list synthesis-display means for displaying a

4   list of a plurality of stored encoded pictures in

5   synthesized form on a single screen;

6   picture selection means for selecting an arbitrary

7   image from a listed image group in order to select the

8   encoded picture containing said image; and

9   picture division-synthesis-display means for detecting

10   the scene switching points of the selected encoded picture

11   and dividing the encoded picture based on the detected

12   scene switching points and repeatedly synthesizing and

13   displaying each divided picture from the start to the end

14   on a single screen in order to perform simultaneous

15   division and regeneration of encoded pictures.

1   **Claim 4 (currently amended):** Video retrieval

2   apparatus according to any of the preceding claims, wherein

3   the picture division-synthesis-display means further

4   divides the pictures selected from a picture group

5   displayed in synthesized form and performs simultaneous

6   division and regeneration of the resulting pictures on a

7   single screen.

1   **Claim 5 (currently amended):** Video retrieval

2   apparatus according to any of ~~the preceding~~ claims 1-3,

3   wherein the picture division-synthesis-display means

4   performs simultaneous division and regeneration of a

5   plurality of divided encoded pictures on a single screen,

6   <u>when</u> said plurality of divided encoded pictures <u>are</u>

7   selected via the video selection means.

1   **Claim 6 (new):** Video retrieval apparatus according to

2   claim 1, wherein the list of a plurality of stored encoded

3   pictures are from different video sources.

1   **Claim 7 (new):** Video retrieval apparatus according to

2   claim 1, wherein the list of a plurality of stored encoded

3   pictures are retrieved using a key word search.

1   **Claim 8 (new):** Video retrieval apparatus according to

2   claim 1, wherein the list of a plurality of stored encoded

3   pictures are moving images.